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(*b*) No loans are granted to municipalities and local boards separately for the manufacture of farmyard manure. Farmyard manure and nightsoil compost are produced under the urban compost scheme and the scheme for the development of nightsoil compost in bigger panchayats. The amount of loan disbursed to municipalities and panchayats for the manufacture of farmyard manure and night-soil compost under the above schemes during 1958–59 up to 1st October 1958 is Rs. 30,000.

City Transport

* 64 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the reservation of seats to women passengers in the front rows in the City Transport buses has been given up; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The decision followed the recommendation of the City Transport Advisory Committee.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the reasons which the Committee assigned for just removing this arrangement?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It has not been removed. Actually 20 per cent of the seats have been reserved for women. Now the last two rows of seats are reserved for women and it has been appreciated by almost every Member of the City Transport Advisory Committee.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Was not the arrangement, under which seats were reserved for women passengers in the front rows, tried for some time and then given up?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The practice of reserving seats in the front rows was tried but it was found to be inconvenient because the ladies had to get in the rear of the bus and walk along to the front portion of the bus. Therefore, now seats are reserved in the rear of the bus.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Would not the Government just see that lady passengers are assigned seats in the front rows and allowed to get in and get out by the front exit?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : How it makes a difference, I do not know. I do not see any difference in allowing the ladies either to get in and get out of the rear seat or to get in and get out of the front seat.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Now they have to compete with men as the entrance for both men and women is the same. But if a front seat is given, then they could get in and get out of the bus without competing with men by the front exit. Sir, this practice is followed in other State buses.

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I am sure the hon. Member appreciates that in that case, they will have to come into clash with the persons who are getting out by the front seats.

SRIMATHI S. MANJUBHASHINI : I may give some voluntary information, with your permission, Sir. It was only after consulting the women passengers that it was changed from the front seats to the rear seats. Representations had been received from women passengers that the rear seats were more convenient than the front seats.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Are the Government going to run separate buses for women passengers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We are against discrimination.

State Seed Farms

* 65 *Q*.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State Seed Farms opened in the Block Development areas in 1958 up to date; and

(*b*) the quantity of seeds produced so far in those Seed Farms?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 23 farms (10 twin farms and three single farms).

(*b*) Quantity of seeds produced from 1st January 1958 to 30th September 1958 :—

	TONS.	LB.
Paddy	14	354
Cholam	3	1,542
Gingelly	0	2,233
Green manure	5	2,137
Sweet potato	0	1,500
Total ..	25	1,046

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : புதிதாக விதைப் பண்ணைகள் ஆரம்பிக்கும் உத்தேசம் சர்க்காருக்கு இருக்கிறதா, அல்லது இந்தத் திட்டம் கைவிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : திட்டம் கைவிடப்படவில்லை. புதிய விதைப் பண்ணைகளை மேலும் துவக்குவதாகவும் இல்லை'